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1. SUMMARY: JERUSALEM POST JULY 8 AND 11 REPORTED
EXCHANGE BETWEEN BEGIN AND GAMASY ON EGYPTIAN
VIOLATIONS OF SINAI II CONVEYED THROUGH GENERAL SIILASVUO.
PRESS REPORTS GAMASY ASSURED BEGIN GOE ABIDING
BY PRINCIPLES OF SINAI II, THAT VIOLATIONS SHOULD
BE PREVENTED, AND THAT PARTIES SHOULD CONCENTRATE
ON THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING PEACE. GMASY
REPORTEDLY REITERATED ISRAEL MISTAKEN IN ASSUMING
GOE KEEPING THOUSANDS OF TROOPS IN EXCESS OF
THOSE PERMITTED ON EAST SIDE OF CANAL, AND PROPOSED
MATTER BE HANDLED IN UN CHANNELS.
END SUMMARY

2. JERUSALEM POST JULY 8 REPORTED BEGIN INFORMED
SIILASVUO GOE VIOLATING SINAI II AGREEMENT BY KEEPING
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THOUSANDS MORE THAN THEIR ALLOWED NUMBER OF
TROOPS ON EAST SIDE OF CANAL. BEGIN REPORTEDLY
SAID GOI BELIEVES INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS
SHOULD BE KEPT AND ASKED UN TO PASS THIS MESSAGE
TO EGYPTIANS. BEGIN ASLO REPORTEDLY STRESSED
ALL PARTIES SHOULD BE CONCENTRATING ON PROCESS OF
ESTABLISHING PEACE AND THAT ISRAEL DID NOT DESIRE

ANY LOCAL PROBLEM ARISING FROM VIOLATIONS OF AGREEMENTS WHICH ALL HAD ACCEPTED.

3. POST STATED PM'S OFFICE REPORTED SIILASVUO PROMISED TRANSMIT MESSAGE TO GOE AND WOULD DO ALL HE COULD TO SEE THAT EGYPTIANS UNDERSTOOD THAT THEY MUST RETURN TO NUMBER OF TROOPS PERMITTED.

4. BEGIN ALSO REPORTEDLY REQUESTED SIILASVUO TO RAISE WITH DAMASCU RETURN OF BODY OF ELI COHEN WHO WAS HANGED IN 1965 FOR SPYING.

5. JULY 11 POST CARRIES LEAD STORY HEADLINED "SINAI TENSION SAID DEFUSED BY CORDIAL BEGIN-GAMASY NOTES." ARTICLE STATES BEGIN AND GAMASY EXCHANGED CORDIAL MESSAGES IN WHICH THEY AGREED TO HAVE SITUATION REEXAMINED IN THE FIELD TO MAKE SURE THAT AGREEMENT IS IMPLEMENTED IN LETTER AND IN SPIRIT. STORY STATES SIILASVUO HANDED REPLY TO PM JULY 9 AFTER HIS ARRIVAL FROM CAIRO AFTER TERMING EXCHANGES "MOST CORDIAL" ARTICLE CONTINUES "THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE PROMINENT EGYPTIAN LEADER HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO AN ISRAELI LEADER SINCE HE NEGOTIATED THE FIRST DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL ARMY UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMANDERS AT KILOMETER 101 IN 1973. IT WAS CERTAINLY BEGIN'S FIRST FORMAL CONTACT WITH AN ARAB LEADER. -- "OFFICAL JERUSALEM WOULD NOT DISCLOSE THE DETAILS OF THE MESSAGES NOR WOULD THE UN, ALTHOUGH SPOKESMAN DA SILVA TERMED THEM -- "GOOD, USEFUL AND FRUITFUL--" WELL-PLACED INFORMANTS VIEWED EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES AS --"AN ENCOURAGING GESTURE--" ON THE PART OF BOTH BEGIN AND GAMASY.--" THE INFORMANTS PARTICULARLY CITED GAMASY'S DEPARTURE FROM THE ROUTINE TREATMENT OF ISRAELI NOTES IN CAIRO WHEN HE ASKED GENERAL SIILASVUO ON SATURDAY TO SAY OVERNIHGT SO AS TO CARRY BACK IN THE MORNING --"A REPLY TO PM BEGIN--".

6. "THE EGYPTIAN COMMANDER'S RESPONSE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CLOSELY CCORDINATED WITH PRESIDENT SADAT WHO IS STAYING IN ALEXANDRIA."

7. "GAMASY IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE ASSURED BEGIN THAT EGYPT WAS ABIDING BY THE PRINCIPLES OF THE AGREEMENT. HE ADDED THAT HE AGREED WITH ISRAELI PREMIER THAT VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE PREVENTED AND

THAT THE PARTIES SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON
THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING PEACE."

8. "GAMASY REITERATED THE CLAIM THAT ISRAEL
WAS MISTAKEN IN ASSUMING THAT THE EGYPTIANS
WERE KEEPING THOUSANDS OF TROOPS MORE THAN
WERE ALLOWED UNDER THE AGREEMENT ON THE EAST SIDE
OF THE SUEZ CANAL. HE NEVERTHELESS PROMISED
TO SETTLE THE CONTROVERSY THROUGH UN OBSERVER
CHANNELS."
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